

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mike Waldner is the director of the K12 Data Center at Dakota State University (DSU), Madison, South Dakota, and is resigning that position on April 21, 2008; and,

Whereas, The K12 Data Center provides technology services to over 160 school districts within the SD K12 community and those services include: groupware services of email and calendaring, anti-virus and spam prevention, web hosting, online curriculum management, multi-media hosting, and highly customized technology training; and,

Whereas, The motto for the Connecting the Schools Project, known today as the Digital Dakota Network, is "failure is NOT an option", and Mike did what was necessary to assure his responsibilities were achieved or exceeded; and,

Whereas, Mike was the initial staff person from DSU assigned to build the Data Center from the ground up, and he has been at the forefront of building and expanding technology services to the K12 community since its inception; and,

Whereas, Mike was an evangelist for the World Wide Web long before it became popular and ubiquitous, and he was a key player to South Dakota achieving the #3 rating for Student Technology Access (according to Education Week); and,

Whereas, Mike has been a valuable contributor to several ground breaking projects: Connecting the Schools, Cyber Security, Classroom Connections, DDN Information Technology Training (DDN IT), and Technology for Teaching and Learning Academies (TTL); and,

Whereas, Mike's attention to customer service is well known across the state, having built a strong rapport and trust with the schools through his ability to take the foreign language of geek-speak and translate it into easily understandable English for the clients; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor this outstanding employee for his commitment of service to the state of South Dakota, as colleagues, family, and friends gather to honor him on April 7, 2008:

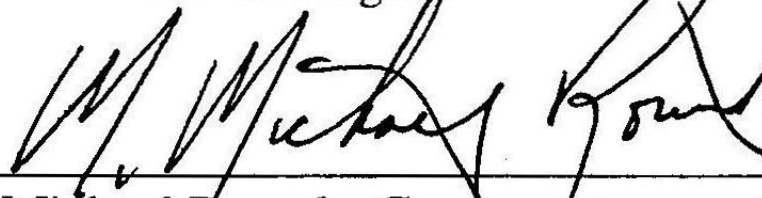
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in honoring and wishing him well.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State